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Subject: Bay Delta

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Dear People:

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> It is essential that more fresh water flow through the delta into the bay
> to restore habitat for species unique to the fresh water/ocean water mix
> area. These species are integral to the bay delta environment. I am
> therefore imploring you that CALFED Bay Delta Program support and
> implement much more aggressive water conservation practices before
> deciding to undertake more dam and reservoir construction. The latter are
> expensive and environmentally deleterious alternatives to conservation.
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> As agriculture uses over 80% of the state water supply, even a small
> reduction in the amount lost to evaporation can result in a significant
> water savings.
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> Please invest in more efficient technology for reducing evaporation and
> water demand per acre of (agricultural) land. I am confident that these
> and similar measures can wring enough additional water out of the system
> without resorting to dam and reservoir construction.
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> Sincerely,
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